

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

April 10, 2014

The Green Team meeting was held this date at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

Present : Donald Proefrock, Robert Jewell, Jennifer Keggan, Connie Adsavage, Joseph Watters, and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent : Drew Di Sessa, Dawn Smith, and Michael Misertino

Also Present: Ruth Pante', James McMekin and Glenn Todd

Mr. Watters attended in Mr. Misertino's stead.

Rain Barrel Workshop: Mansfield Township was awarded the Sustainable Jersey \$2,000.00 grant. Said grant will be used to help offset the costs associated with hosting a Rain Barrel Workshop. It has been agreed that the workshop will be held at the Pequest Trout Hatchery on June 7, 2014 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. This will be a hands-on event and Mr. Matt Barr (AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador) will instruct the workshop. Mansfield has 15 (55 gallon) plastic barrels stored at Pequest. The barrels need to be cleaned and Mr. Barr suggested that they be predrilled. Mrs. Smith will decorate one barrel which will be donated to Pequest. The Green Team discussed obtaining another 50 barrels from Coke-A-Cola in P.A. just in case 15 are not enough for the June workshop. And the Green Team may also host another workshop in September. Mr. Proefrock suggested storing the barrels in the old Tennis Court. A flyer will be developed advertising the event. A Girl Scout Troup will sell refreshments.

Backyard Composting Workshop: Pequest Trout Hatchery will host this event on June 8, 2014. Mrs. Fascenelli will contact Pequest for more details. All costs associated with this event will be paid from the Recycling Trust Fund.

Dedication by Rider: A resolution will go before the Township Committee for their approval April 23rd.

ANJEC Grant "2014 ANJEC Open Space Grants For Environmental Commissions" – The Green Team submitted the applicable documents necessary to apply for the grant. The title of the project is "Municipal Community Park Hiking Trail Enhancement". The intent is to enhance the beauty and use of the trail as well as to prevent erosion in times of heavy rain via planting trees, hedges and shrubs. Mrs. Adsavage advised that Mr. Tim Terry (Landscape Design & Construction) expressed an interest in selling and donating trees to the Township.

Pequest Moth Night: Mr. McMekin informed the Green Team that the event is scheduled for July 23, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. This event is in conjunction with National Moth Week. Volunteers are needed to direct traffic, etc. Donations are welcomed. The Environmental Commission will investigate making a donation. A flyer will be available shortly.

TAP GRANT: (Transportation Alternatives Program) Mrs. Adsavage & Mrs. Smith attended a Sustainable Jersey workshop for this grant. TAP provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, and environmental mitigation; recreation trail program projects; safe routes to school projects; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways. The TAP deadline for submission is May 15, 2014. Mrs. Adsavage will write a letter expressing the Green Team's desire in having this deadline extended.

A bicycle and/or pedestrian audit is worth 5 Sustainable Jersey points, a complete streets program is 20 points, and a sustainable land use pledge is 10 points. Mrs. Fascenelli will review the sample resolution for the sustainable land use pledge.

Mansfield Township has already completed the New Jersey Department of Transportation's New Jersey Scenic Byway Program in 2011.

Morris Canal: The Green Team discussed the canal and how Mansfield could be involved with the restoration project.

Waste Audit of Municipal Buildings Schools: Mrs. Fascenelli would like to see if Mansfield Elementary School would be interested in participating in an audit. All costs associated with an audit would be paid from the Recycling Tonnage Grant.

Mansfield's Open Space & Master Plan: Green Team members will research both of these plans.

September 2012 – Initial Certification: Ms. Keggan provided the attached summary of action items and points submitted in 2012. Re-certification is due September 2015. Ms. Keggan listed items that do not expire from the original submission which totaled 75 points. The Green Team will need an additional 75 points in order to maintain bronze level certification. The Township adopted a Green Grounds & Maintenance Policy in September 25, 2013 worth 10 points. Balance remaining is 65 points.

The following actions will be looked into:	Community Asset Mapping	10 points
	Easement Inventory	10 points

Ongoing Projects:

Carbon Footprint – Mr. Proefrock will continue to work on this project.

Purchasing Resolution – Mrs. Fascenelli will continue to work on this project.

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

April 27, 2014 – Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection Event – Warren County District Landfill 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

June 7, 2014 – Rain Barrel Workshop – Pequest Trout Hatchery, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

June 8, 2014 – Composting Workshop – Pequest Trout Hatchery – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

June 21, 2014 – Mansfield Township Community Day. Ms. Keggan and Mrs. Fascenelli will attend the event.

July 23, 2014 – Liberty National Moth Week – Pequest Trout Hatchery 6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

August 16, 2014 – Washington Township (Morris County) Green Fair

October 4, 2014 – Mansfield Township Free Paper Shredding Event – Department of Public Works Garage – 1710 Route 56 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli